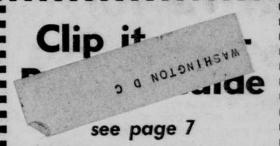
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SCHOOL HEALTH LA VICTIM OF BUCK-PASS

Kids denied benefit Here's cost of of 4-year old act

Chicago's school children are the whirling passengers on a gruesome merry-go-round, while two city departments, a state office and the City Council dawdle over responsibility for a school health program.

While an off-key calliope plays "Let George Do It," in the middle of the carousel and motionless is a four-year old state law requiring full periodic physical examinations of all school children. The law has never been complied with in Chicago, nor does compliance appear anywhere on the horizon.

An investigation just com- school nursing program. pleted by The Standard

 Chicago schools have no effective program for examining school children with an eye to prevention of disease, malnutrition or emotional disorder. Teachers are saddled with non-professional guess-work in health matters. Part-time physicians, covering several schools apiece, check children after absences of several days, to close the door after communicable disease has walked

• Chicago is the only major city in the country without a

 Chicago schools have been condemned by United States Public Health Service as being "almost completely without a systematized and effective medi-cal and nursing service," with no appreciable follow-up action by city officials to observe the state law.

• An "adequate beginning" of a program to examine school kids every four years, as required by the state statute, would cost about \$1,000,000. This comes to less than one percent of the Board of Education's

Charged with the responsibili-

school health

Alexander Ropchan, health director for the Council on Social Agencies of Chicago, gave the following as an acceptable lineup of personnel to get a school health program moving:

200 nurses at \$3,000 annually.

50 full-time doctors (or 100 part-time) at \$4,200.

10 supervising doctors at

29 full-time dentists (or 58 part-time) at \$3,600.

6 supervising dentists at

This staff would cost a total of \$991,400 for salaries for public schools. An additional \$283,000 would cover similar personnel for private schools.

ty of enforcing the state law, Vernon Nickell, Superintendent of Public Instruction, told The Standard by phone from Spring-

"The Board of Education in Chicago says it has no funds. I Continued or page 7

THESE ARE NOT YOUR CHILDREN

if you live in Chicago. Chicago's schools hire no doctors for systematic health examination of children, even though a state law requires such examination every four years. It is the only major city without a school nurse program. Kids in these photos are from Cook County suburbs, whose school health setup is far advanced over Chicago's, even though County schools lack funds to fully comply with the state law.



How Truman won in Illinois

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'Lie!' says Chicago bishop of House committee charge

"It's all a lie!"

That's what the Bishop of the Methodist Church in Chi- sion toward social justice. We cago had to say this week of the House Un-American Activi- are merely looking for human ties Committee's latest bender which pinned the red tag on justice.' two Methodist organizations and the magazine, Protestant.

told The Standard ex-clusively "I'm against the said it "fanafically spreads Comclusively, "I'm against the Un-American Activities Committee. I guess they want to stand for Wall Street. I don't think it's American."

The House committee poured most of its fire on the Methodist Federation of Social Action, whose headquarters are in New York. It saved some attack for People's Institute of Applied Religion, of Birmingham, Ala., which, fumed the committee, is "one of the most v'cious" of so-called Communist outfits, in that it "preaches Communist ideas pretending they are Chris-

Bishop J. Ralph Magee with matters of racial and relimunist propaganda." The magazine is published by ministers headed by Rev. Kenneth Leslie.

Bishop Magee declared he has known about the Methodist Federation "for years and years. The Methodist Church," he continued, "was the first religious organization to set forth a creed of social ideas. These have been brought about by our federa-tion, acting as an independent group."

vored collective bargaining.

Of the Protestant, most of day," asserted the bishop. "Just Un-American Activities Com-whose columns are taken up step by step, we are a little bit mittee."

Describing the Rev. Jack R. McMichael, executive head of the federation, Bishop Magee stated, "He is a fine young man and a fine Methodist."

The bishop laughed roundly at the Un-American Committee's additional blast at the Epworth League, third organiza-tion named in the committe's opus. The Epworth League has been out of business for nine

Meanwhile, in New York, Rev. McMichael said that "Federation members seek to develop attitudes and actions which conform to the principles He pointed out that the of Jesus, John Wesley and church was attacked early in the century when it openly father they cannot at the same time try to satisfy men like J. Parnell "This is an accepted thing to- Thomas and John Rankin of the